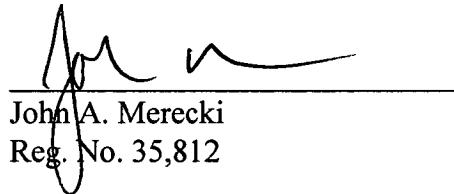


Remarks

Claims 1-10 remain pending. Claims 4-10 have been amended to remove multiple claim dependencies and/or to correct typographic errors.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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